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Art Unit	1745
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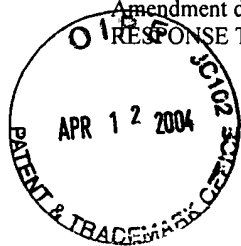
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Application No. 09/827,985
Amendment dated April 7, 2004
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FOR	:	METHOD OF JOINING CURRENT COLLECTORS IN A MULTI-LAYER CELL
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 10, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.